

REMARKS

As required in the Notice the Amendment to the Claims has been corrected to include cancelled claims 1 - 13.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

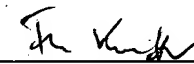
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